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Supplemental
Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 3/13/01.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 13 March 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 - * Certified copies not received: _____.
5. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
 - (a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE**

7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the Examiner.
 - (c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the top margin (not the back) of each sheet. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____ |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. _____ | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: claim 1 is allowable over the prior art of record, because the prior art is silent to a nonaqueous electrolyte secondary cell comprising: a current collector having a plurality of circular-arc protrusions projecting toward the collector edge and a plurality of slit pieces cut to a raised form toward the collector edge.

Claim 5 is allowable over the prior art of record, because the prior art is silent to a cylindrical secondary cell comprising: a metal current collecting plate having a top plate in contact with an end face of the cylindrical projection, and a skirt portion in contact with at least a portion of an outer peripheral surface of the cylindrical projection.

Claim 9 is allowable over the prior art of record, because the prior art is silent to a nonaqueous electrolyte secondary cell comprising: a current collecting plate being joined to the uncoated portion of a current collector, wherein said plate has a male screw projecting from a surface of the plate toward an electrode terminal portion, the male screw being in screw-thread engagement with an internally threaded portion formed in the electrode terminal portion.

Claims 12 & 13 are allowable over the prior art of record, because the prior art is silent to a nonaqueous electrolyte secondary cell comprising: a current collecting plate being provided with a collecting member projecting therefrom and having elasticity so as to move toward or away from the electrode terminal portion.

The dependant claims are allowable based on their dependency to the above.

International Search Report

The DE 1 233 040 document cited as an "X" on the International Search Report does not when taken alone teach the instant invention. The reference teaches a jelly roll configuration (Fig.1) with a terminal end cap 8 but is silent to a metal current collecting plate having a top plate in contact with an end face of the cylindrical projection, and a skirt portion in contact with at least a portion of an outer peripheral surface of the cylindrical projection.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement(s) filed April 24, 2004 has/have been received and complies with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609 . The IDS has been considered and an initialed copy is attached herewith.

Conclusions

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Monique Wills whose telephone number is (703) 305-0073. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30am to 5:00 pm.

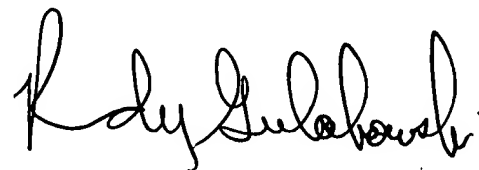
Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.

If attempts to reach Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Randy Gulakowski, may be reached at 703-308-4333.

The unofficial fax number is (703) 305-3599. The Official fax number for non-final amendments is 703-872-9310. The Official fax number for after final amendments is 703-872-9311.

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